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## Attorney General Bruning Says Death Sentence for Murderer Should Stand

**Note: Sound bites on this topic are available at: <http://www.ago.ne.gov>**

(Lincoln, Neb) Attorney General Jon Bruning filed a brief today with the Nebraska Supreme Court arguing the five death sentences handed to Norfolk bank robber Jose Sandoval should be upheld.

Sandoval personally shot and killed two bank employees and one customer at the U.S. Bank in Norfolk in 2002. Sandoval's subordinates Jorge Galindo and Eric Vela each shot and killed a bank employee. Their rampage left five people dead. A jury convicted Sandoval on five counts of first-degree murder. Sandoval was sentenced to death for each murder.

"We're confident the state will win the appeal," said Bruning. "Death is the appropriate sentence for the crimes Mr. Sandoval committed."

In Nebraska, anyone who receives the death penalty is granted a mandatory appeal.

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